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Class period \_\_\_\_\_

## ELA homework- Close Reading

### Due Thursday, September 11th

Directions: Please initial as you complete each activity.

\_\_\_\_ 1. Do a "first draft" read of "A Rice Sandwich"

Rate your understanding of the text by circling a number below:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No understanding				partly understood				Well understood	

\_\_\_\_ 2. As you are reading the first time, **circle** any unfamiliar words.

\_\_\_\_ 3. After your first read, write down at least 2 questions you have in the margins of your paper.

\_\_\_\_ 4. Reread "A Rice Sandwich"

Rate your understanding of the text by circling a number below:

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No understanding				partly understood				Well understood	

\_\_\_\_ 5. Without looking the following words up in the dictionary, make a prediction on what they mean from the context. **Highlight the words in the story that helped you make this prediction.**

canteen: \_\_\_\_\_

anemic: \_\_\_\_\_

three-flats: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 6. Answer the text dependent questions on the back of this paper.

\_\_\_\_ 7. Summarize "A Rice Sandwich" by using the following format: Write your summary on a piece of paper and attach to homework.

Somebody	Wanted	But	So	Finally
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Text Dependent Questions: **Highlight proof for each question.**

1. How would you describe Esperanza's mom? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What are two reasons Esperanza gives her mom for needing to eat lunch at school?

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3. Why do you think Esperanza doesn't have any lunch meat? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why does Esperanza cry in Sister Superior's office? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How would you describe the end of the story "A Rice Sandwich?"

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6. Why is it important that Esperanza's sandwich is cold and greasy?

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7. How is the location of Esperanza's home important to the story?

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8. Which statement below best summarizes the main idea of the story?

- a. Esperanza is tired of eating at home for lunch.
- b. Esperanza begs to eat in the school canteen.
- c. Esperanza finds out that the school canteen is not worth the trouble.
- d. Esperanza does not like getting in trouble.

9. Which sentence from the story supports your answer for #8?

- a. In the canteen, which was nothing special, lots of boys and girls watched while I cried and ate my sandwich, the bread already greasy and the rice cold.
- b. Okay, okay, my mother says after three days of this.
- c. The canteen! Even the name sounds important!
- d. Then she was sorry and said I could stay-just for today, not tomorrow or the day after-

